

APRIL 19, 2007

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
 Frank Hill Councilman
 Kenneth Higgins Councilman
 Robert Olson Councilman
 Shirley Hayes Councilwoman
Paul Smith Highway Superintendent
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk

Also: Joe Metzger, Highway Building Architect; Harry Balz, Clerk of the Works; Tom Johansen, Ken Dott, Joe Dooris, Nick Ciamano

Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order and introduced Nick Caimano who is a candidate for Warren County Treasurer in the upcoming elections.

Approval of Minutes- The minutes of March 15th were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins & Olson, all ayes.

Reports- Supervisor, Town Clerk, Highway Garage, Justice, Zoning, Assessor

April Abstracts-

RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2007

Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Hill introduced Res. 58 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF APRIL ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to pay the April Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers 85-107	\$21,901.27
General Vouchers 88-126	\$48,764.14
Highway Abstracts 9 & 10	\$10,601.16
General Abstracts 9 & 10	\$17,413.09

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Councilman Olson questioned the voucher from Town Counsel Mark Schachner regarding "Enforcement Action" charge of \$1,500.00. Councilman Olson said he feels the Town Board should be involved in any decision-making policy regarding zoning and it should have been discussed in Executive Session. Supervisor Bentley said that part of the zoning officers job is enforcement of zoning laws and that is what this action was about. Councilman Olson responded by saying that the Board should be aware and approve this use of taxpayer's money. Supervisor Bentley answered that the Enforcement Officer should be able to enforce and this case was taken from his hands into the courts. Councilman Olson asked if the case was over and Supervisor Bentley said it was.

Horicon Highway Garage Bids: Mr. Metzger reported on the bids received and reviewed the amounts. Total of bids for building project are \$942,030.00 with a possible saving of \$36,806.00 if some of the items are cut for now. Clerk of the Works Balz said he doesn't foresee any change orders coming in. Perhaps some of the "cuts" can be put back in depending on how things progress.

RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 59 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD BIDS FOR HIGHWAY GARAGE

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon advertised for Bids in five separate trades for the construction of a new Highway Garage, AND

WHEREAS, these bids were opened on March 29, 2007 at the Horicon Community Center and reviewed by Joseph Metzger, Project Architect, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, upon through review of said bids, does hereby make the following awards for each trade:

General Construction	Bast-Hatfield	\$689,435.00
Plumbing	Monroe Mechanical	\$ 39,948.00
HVAC	L.H. LaPlante Co.	\$107,000.00
Electric	Phoenix Electric Co.	\$ 79,447.00
Fire Protection	Edward Matthews	\$ 26,200.00

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the contract for the new well is hereby awarded to Ron Gill Well Drilling for a price of \$4065.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Now that the bids have been authorized Mr. Metzger will send out the contracts.

Communications

AATV Ballot	RE: Opposing "Pete" Grannis as DEC Commissioner
Friends of Library	RE: LIBRI Foundation Grant
Horicon Planning Bd.	RE: Recommendation for Zoning Amendment
W.C. Health Services	RE: Immunization Clinic
Brown's River	RE: Repair of Vital Statistics Book

Action on Communications:

RESOLUTION NO. 60 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 60 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING AMENDMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing for Thursday, May 17th at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center. Hearing is to amend Section 14, Sub-heading 14.10 regarding Pre-Existing Lots and Subdivisions.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 61 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 61 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPAIR OF VITAL STATISTICS BOOK

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to contract with Brown's River Records Preservation Services for de-acidification, mending and reinforcement of paper as necessary, re-sewing and rebinding of the Vital Statistics Book of Births, Marriages, Deaths 1875-1913 at a cost of \$785.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Old Business-

Dog Shelter- The Town is without a place to put stray dogs, as the Schroon River Animal Hospital no longer takes them. Discussion regarding the possibility of building a temporary shelter at Darian Granger's house as he is the Dog Control Officer. Any shelter built would have to be removable and also pass the guidelines set by the NYS Agriculture & Markets Department. Discussion regarding what type of shelter Chestertown uses. Chestertown shares a dog warden with Johnsburg and the stray dogs are housed at a shelter in Johnsburg belonging to the Town. Supervisor Bentley will check with Johnsburg to see if we could contract to use their shelter.

Lifeguards- We have one applicant for lifeguard as of today. Allison Gregson is certified and interested in coming to work for the Town.

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2007

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Higgins introduced Res. 62 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE LIFEGUARD FOR SEASON

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby hire Allison Gregson to work as lifeguard for the Town of Horicon for the summer season. Position is for 30 hours a week and pays \$9.75 per hour.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

New Business- Mr. Charles French would like to bury ashes in a family grave-site in the older section of the Brant Lake Cemetery. Mr. French is certain this grave is empty at this time. Because of the uncertain records available in the older section, it is sometimes impossible to determine the status of a grave, but in this case it seems certain. Messrs. Higgins & Hill made a MOTION to allow the burial of ashes in this lot, all ayes.

Meeting with Laura Moore- Councilman Higgins reported on the meeting he attended at Warren County Planning. Also attending was Bill Bruce, Doug Paton and others. Ms. Moore is trying to word the proposal for the Grant in a more general way so money can be used in a variety of ways.

Resolutions-

RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2007

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 63 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT PAUL MANIACEK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby re-appoint Paul Maniacek as Sole Assessor for the Town of Horicon for another 6 year term. New term to expire on September 30, 2013.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2007

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Olson introduced Res. 64 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following transfer of funds pertaining to the Snowmobile Contract.

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7620.4 (Adult Rec.)	7110.4 (Parks)	\$3,500.00

Hill- aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 65 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR FISHING DERBY AND POSTING OF MILL POND

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize radio coverage for advertising the Annual Fishing Derby on the Mill Pond. Cost not to exceed \$450.00, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the posting of "No Fishing" signs when the Mill Pond is stocked until the day of the Derby.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Privilege of Floor:

Councilman Olson spoke regarding the Real Property Law, which allows a tax exemption for income qualified first time homebuyers. Councilman Olson said

the Board should review the text of the law from copies he provided. The tax exemption is only on Town tax, which is 8% of tax bill. Councilman Olson said the Town would have to opt into this program if interested.

Superintendent Smith reminded that the watering tub needs attention.

Tom Johansen reported on repairs needed at the museum. The Historical Society is planning a 18' X 23' addition on the carriage house. Also, three new pavers have been purchased for the Veterans monument. Supervisor Bentley reminded Mr. Johansen of the \$1,000.00 set aside by the Town to purchase pavers for Civil War or WWI veterans from Horicon.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Higgins, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk